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## NO PEACE IN FRISCO

### LABOR WAR TO BE FOUGHT TO A FINISH.

Gloomy Outlook for People—Must Continue to Walk Indefinitely or Pay High Cab Fares Unless Better Protection is Afforded.

The street railway strike at San Francisco has developed into a fight to a finish. Neither side is willing to accept arbitration, and the citizens' committee appointed to secure peace have been unable to find any basis of settlement. It has been demonstrated that the present police force is inadequate and that strong measures will be necessary to secure a general resumption of service if the struggle is conducted on present lines.

The wish Friday of the United Railroads officials was to run a string of cars from the barn at Oak and Broadway streets through the burned district north on Market street to the ferry building, but the consent of the police department could not be obtained. As a compromise two cars were run into the burned district as far as Larkin street, being operated on Oak Stanton, Page, Devisadero and Sutter streets. This route was covered twice. On the first trip mounted police acted as outriders, and more than a score of patrolmen rode in automobiles, but no violence was offered by the crowds.

### KING ALFONSO IS A FATHER.

Boy is Born to Queen Victoria Friday Afternoon.

Queen Victoria, of Spain, gave birth to a boy Friday. The boy will be named Alfonso. The news from the palace early Friday morning that the announcement of the queen was imminent spread like wildfire, and crowds flocked to the great plaza fronting the royal palace. The birth occurred at 12:45 p. m. The announcement was immediately conveyed to the waiting officials and the crowds outside the palace, who received the glad tidings with mingled feelings of enthusiasm and emotion. That the queen had been blessed with a son—a male heir to the throne—was no less welcome than the happy event itself.

Queen Victoria was married to King Alfonso May 31, 1906, amid scenes of the greatest splendor, followed by a bomb explosion which killed scores of people and narrowly missed the royal coach in which their majesties were riding from the church.

### HUMMEL SENT TO PRISON.

Famous New York Lawyer Must Serve One Year.

One year in the state prison and to pay a fine of \$500 was the sentence imposed Friday upon Abraham H. Hummel, of New York, the lawyer who was convicted of conspiracy in the famous Dodge-Morist divorce case. Hummel was convicted in the United States supreme court several months ago, but appealed to the appellate division of the court. The decision was affirmed Friday by the higher court.

A conspiracy to annul the marriage of Charles F. Morse, the financier, to Mrs. Charles E. Dodge was the crime of which Hummel was convicted. Mrs. Dodge had secured a divorce from her former husband in 1898. Three years later she was married to Morse.

### KILLS FATHER AND SON.

Family Feud in Missouri Results in Double Murder.

Guy Dobbins and his son, Thomas, were killed by Schuyler Stephens at Dean Lake, Charlton county, Mo., Friday. Thomas Dobbins was a son-in-law of Stephens. There had been a family feud for some time, and the quarrel was renewed. Stephens killed his son-in-law with a shotgun, and then started after the boy's father, who tried to defend himself by shooting at his assailant, but was killed near his own doorsteps. Stephens has been arrested.

### Forty Passengers Lost.

The latest reports concerning the French steamer *Bofton*, wrecked off San Jose Ignacio, Uruguay, are to the effect that 40 passengers and eight members of the crew lost their lives.

### Alarmed at Earthquake.

Several earth shocks were felt at Leoban, Austria at 7 o'clock Friday morning. The inhabitants were frightened, and vacated their houses.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.50. Top hogs, \$6.35.

### Mob Leaders Held for Murder.

The grand jury at South McAllister, I. T., has returned indictments charging J. H. Newman and John Williams Thomas Lawrence and Seymour Hale with murder.

### Strike; Shoe Factory Closed.

Because of a strike of stitchers the Selby shoe factory at Portsmouth, O., shut down Thursday, throwing 2,000 people out of employment. The stitchers demand an increase in wages.

## MACHINE TRUST NEXT.

Government Moves Against Big Harvester Combine.

Chicago has been made the center of the next governmental attack on the vested interests, and the International Harvester company is to follow the path already trod by the Standard Oil company and the school desk trust. This New Jersey corporation, capitalized at \$120,000,000, is charged with a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, but it remains to be decided whether the contemplated action shall be criminal or civil.

The case against the harvester company is said to be the result of many complaints sent the department of justice from farmers and implement dealers' associations all over the country. These complaints were turned over to the bureau of corporations, which has been collecting data for several months. Among other things which this investigation is said to have revealed is that the International Harvester company forms a practical monopoly, and through its selling agents, the International Harvester Company of America, controls between 90 and 100 per cent of the output.

The firms said to compose the International Harvester company are the Deering, McCormick, Plano, Milwaukee and Champion. Cyrus H. McCormick is president. The general offices of the company are in Chicago. The company was formed four or five years ago, and J. Pierpont Morgan is credited by the government with its creation.

## BODY BLOW FOR DRUG TRUST.

Combine Must Discontinue All Operations.

The so-called "drug trust" was perpetually enjoined at Indianapolis Thursday from continuing its operations by the entering of a decree in the United States circuit court for the district of Indiana on the complaint of the United States government, filed by Joseph E. Keating, United States district attorney. The defendants, ninety-two in number, who are the members, officers, directors, agents and attorneys of the National Association of Detail Druggists, the National Wholesale Druggists' association, tripartite proprietors, "black list manufacturers," "direct contract proprietors," "wholesale contract proprietors," and Charles C. Bombaugh, are perpetually enjoined from combining and conspiring to restrain trade in drugs, fix prices by agreement, blacklist retailers who cut prices, or to refuse to sell to any retailer on equal terms. All publication of blacklists is forbidden, and all contracts and agreements covered by the charges are declared void. The direct contract serial number plan is prohibited, as well as the securing of the adoption of schedules for the sale of drugs.

## ARE HUNTING FOR BODIES.

Smoldering Fire Prevents Thorough Search of Ruins in Kansas City.

The search for bodies was begun at ruins of the University building at Kansas City destroyed by fire. One body at least is known to be in the debris, that of Miss Aurora Wittebart, an artist, and it is believed others may be found.

The known dead now number two, Miss Wittebart and Prof. George De Mare. It is believed all the injured will recover. The most seriously hurt is Alexandra Blumberg, a Russian countess, whose skull was fractured in a fall from a ladder.

## More Land for Entry.

Tracts aggregating 9,520 acres of land adjacent to the Sissipou and Yellowstone national forests in Corey, Josephine and Jackson counties, Oregon, were Thursday released from temporary withdrawal at the request of the forest service. The areas which have been released will be subject to settlement on June 23 1907.

## Nearly All Were Saved.

An official report from the government authorities on the spot at Montevideo says all the passengers, mostly Spanish emigrants, of the steamer *Poltou* were rescued with the exception of thirteen. There were about 300 on board.

## Rear End Collision.

One man was killed, one fatally injured in a rear end collision, seven miles south of Hamilton, O., Thursday. An engine was following a passenger train and heavy smoke prevented the engineer seeing the train.

## Life For Mrs. Lawson.

Mrs. Alice Cooper Lawson was found guilty at Lafayette, Ind., Thursday, of murder in the second degree for killing her husband, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

## Susan B. Anthony Fund Completed.

The Susan B. Anthony memorial fund, \$60,000, to promote the cause of equal suffrage, has been completed, according to advices received Thursday.

## Life Term for Mrs. Lawson.

Mrs. Alice Cooper Lawson, of Lafayette, Ind., was found guilty Thursday of murder in the second degree for killing her husband, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

## Union Pacific Dividend.

The Union Pacific railroad dividends Thursday were placed on a quarterly instead of semi-annual basis. A quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent was declared.

## CAUGHT IN FIRE TRAP.

Seven Lives Probably Lost in Kansas City.

Fire at Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday afternoon destroyed the five-story University building at the northwest corner of Locust and Ninth streets, causing a property loss estimated at \$250,000. One life was lost, six persons are missing and may be buried in the ruins and fifteen persons were more or less seriously injured.

The building was occupied by Montgomery Ward & Co. as offices and by numerous artists and musicians, who lost everything.

The known dead: George De Mare, aged 32, an art instructor. Among the missing is Miss Maud Wittebart, piano teacher, last seen at the window of her studio on the fifth floor.

The fire started at a few minutes before 3 o'clock in the basement in a quantity of twine in the Montgomery Ward & Co. store room, close to the elevator. Ten minutes after the fire broke out the flames began shooting up the elevator shaft and all escape save by the fire escapes was shut off. The halls quickly filled with smoke, dense and suffocating, and ten minutes later when the first fire apparatus arrived on the scene people crowded almost every window appealing for help, while scores of others, mostly women and girls, filled the fire escape and were climbing wildly to the ground. In many of the studios pupils were taking lessons. The firemen were slow in getting to work, and the first ladders placed against the building failed to reach above the third floor.

## MERCY SHOWN TO JANUARY.

Sentence of Missouri Valjean to be Commuted.

Attorney General Bonaparte Wednesday recommended that the sentence of John William January, alias Charles M. Anderson, be commuted. He recommends that his sentence be fixed at three months from the date of his rearrest, and that he be pardoned at the end of that time, namely, July 19th, 1907. The president has approved of the recommendation.

January has become known as the "Missouri Jean Valjean." Twelve years ago he was convicted of robbing a postoffice in Oklahoma, and was sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. While incarcerated he made an excellent record, but escaped near the end of his prison term. Going to Kansas City he became a waiter under the name of Charles W. Anderson, and subsequently started a small restaurant. Then he married, but in a short time was recognized, rearrested and sent back to serve out his term. Petitions for clemency for January have poured in on President Roosevelt.

## WOMEN SLASHED TO PIECES.

Husband of One of Them Under Arrest Charged With Dual Murder.

Mrs. Maria Vito and her mother, Mrs. Maria Brignoli, of New York, were literally slashed to pieces in their east side home Wednesday. Giovanni Vito, husband of the youngest woman, is under arrest charged with the crime. It is alleged he quarreled with the women after their refusal to give him money.

Vito denies that he is guilty, and maintains the wife and mother-in-law were killed by two men, who broke into the house, with whom he himself had a fierce struggle in defense of his life.

## Aid for Jamaica.

Although the fact has not yet been officially announced it is stated the British government has decided to make a grant of \$750,000 grants to Jamaica and guarantee the island a loan of \$5,000,000 to assist in its rehabilitation from the effects of the earthquake.

## Wanted in Seattle.

A warrant has been sworn out for the arrest of John Riplinger, of Seattle, Wash., formerly city comptroller and defeated republican candidate for mayor of Seattle, last year. The complaint alleges embezzlement of city funds. Riplinger is now in Honduras.

## Train Robbers are Caught.

A dispatch says that the train robbers of the North Coast Limited on the Northern Pacific on Tuesday morning have been arrested at Basin, a few miles from Woodville, Mont., where they caught the train. They are mere youths.

## Fatal Rioting in Russia.

There has been serious rioting in the Cossack village of Kavakakakia, Russia, in which twenty-one persons lost their lives. Troops have been sent.

## WESTERN LEAGUE BASEBALL.

Schedule of Games to Be Played at Sioux City, Ia.

Following is a schedule of the Western League games to be played at Sioux City in the immediate future: Omaha ..... May 22, 30, 31

## Big Smelting Plant Quits.

The plant of the American Smelting and Refining company at Murray, Utah, employing 1,000 men, closed down Wednesday because of a strike of its 260 ore haulers and furnace chargers.

## Serious Drought in Cuba.

Reports from all parts of Cuba show an increase in the devastation being wrought by forest fires which are a result of the long continued drought. Thousands of cattle are dying.

# Nebraska State News

## SLAYER OF JARMER IN JAIL.

Nebraska Farmer Surrenders to an Officer.

Slightly wounded in two places, and claiming to have been drugged and robbed, Herman Boche, after sleeping out in the woods around his farm for a week, near Norfolk, during which time fruitless search had been made for him, sent for an officer and gave himself up to face the charge of murdering Frank Jarmer, a saloonkeeper, a week ago. Boche shows the effects of his week of mental suffering and physical endurance through the bitterly cold nights. He received a slight but painful wound in the right hip and a glaze on the left knee when Sheriff Clements fired four bullets at him a week ago. Boche says he had \$850 when Jarmer coaxed him against his will to visit the resort where he shot Jarmer. He says Jarmer urged him, against his protest, to drink two glasses of whisky before starting, and that his head began to swim immediately. While in the hack he says Jarmer felt of his pocket until he had to rebuke the saloonkeeper. Later in the night he says Jarmer sat down beside him and grabbed at the pocket in which was his purse. He says that when he left the house with Jarmer he felt for his purse and it was gone. Then he wanted to go home. With an oath Jarmer declared he could not go home, Boche says, and then he remembered reaching for his gun and shooting. He did not know he had killed Jarmer until Monday, when he found his son at a neighbor's farm. He says he knew nothing after the shooting until that night, when he awoke in a hogpen near the scene of the tragedy. He hurried home, where he heard a man call "Halt!" Not knowing what this meant, nor that it was the sheriff, he ran and was wounded in flight.

He went home and asked that an officer come and get him. Constable Conley was summoned. Boche looks like a man insane. He has retained former United States Senator Allen, who cleared him of the murder of George Ives eighteen years ago. He says Jarmer had been trying to borrow money from him with which to pay saloon license fees. He says he told Jarmer he had too much money to venture into the resort with. Boche was taken to the county jail at Madison, the authorities fearing there might be undue excitement if he were taken to Norfolk.

## ELMER DAMON FREE.

Preliminary Hearing in Vesta Forgery Case at Tecumseh.

The preliminary hearing of Elmer Damon and Lee Parrish on forgery charges was concluded at Tecumseh, County Judge Livingston dismissed Damon, but bound Parrish over for trial in district court, fixing bond at \$500, which was promptly given. The Sterling bankers, where the checks were presented for payment, were of the opinion Parrish presented them and that Damon was with him when it was done. The young men brought evidence to try and prove they were not implicated.

## Girl Burglar at Beatrice.

The startling discovery was made by the police that Beatrice has a girl burglar and shoplifter in the person of Mabel McKinnney, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McKinnney. After her arrest she confessed to having entered the Congregational ladies' rummage room on North Fifth street through a rear window and carried off a silk dress and a pair of shoes.

## Dividend on Failed Bank.

Receiver Whittemore of the failed Citizens' bank, of Firth, made a report announcing that a dividend of 70 per cent to depositors is available. There is cash on hand of \$74,074. The receiver believes an additional 5 per cent dividend will be possible when he is able to realize on the property of W. J. Crandall, the cashier, whose disappearance caused the closing of the bank.

## Hearing on Saloon Licenses.

The court room was crowded with people at Wayne who desired to hear the evidence in the remonstrance cases against granting saloon licenses. The hearing was held before the mayor and city council. Many ladies were present. The side of the case of filing the remonstrance was presented by Elmer E. Thomas, of Omaha, many witnesses being examined.

## Old Fireman Injured.

Mike Bauer, chief of the fire department of Nebraska City, and one of the oldest firemen in the state, met with quite an accident last Monday evening. He was driving a spirited colt and when in the western part of the city the animal turned suddenly, throwing Mr. Bauer out of the cart and injuring him severely.

## Unidentified Man Kills Himself.

A man about 30 years old, and with nothing on his person to identify him, cut his throat on the Burlington train shortly after it left Napier, Mo. He was alive when the train reached Falls City, but died soon after being carried into the depot. He had a ticket dated May 7, Kansas City to Denver.

## Brian Returns from Idaho.

State Treasurer Brian has returned to Lincoln after his trip to Idaho, where he picked up some Idaho state bonds for Nebraska investments without paying a cent to a middleman. The bonds will pay the state 4 per cent.

## Knights of Columbus at Creighton.

Creighton will initiate and institute a Court Creighton council of the Knights of Columbus on May 12. There will be a class of seventy-five candidates.

## BOCHE MAY BE DROWNED.

Wife of Fugitive Thinks He Jumped into Bayou When Shot.

The sheriffs and officers of two counties have apparently reached the end of their resources in hunting Herman Boche, slayer of Frank Jarmer, at Norfolk, and the man hunt was temporarily abandoned. Sheriff Stuckler returned to Stanton and Sheriff Clements to Madison, believing Boche either to be concealed at the home of some relative or to have left the country.

The neighborhood of his farm for miles has been examined repeatedly, with no new clew. Mrs. Boche believes her husband is drowned. She thinks he was wounded by Sheriff Clements Wednesday night and jumped into the bayou. A splash heard by her and the officers convinces her of the drowning. Officers do not share the view, because they found no tracks at the bayou's edge.

A truce between Sheriff Clements and Herman Boche was declared to give Boche's friends an opportunity to communicate with him, if he is in this section, and try to persuade him to give himself up. The truce was to last until 6 o'clock Monday night.

Gov. Sheldon's offer of \$200 state reward makes a reward of \$300 altogether. The complaint has been changed to first degree murder.

## AN OMAHA BUILDING FALLS.

Six-Story Structure Suddenly Collapses, Causing a Heavy Loss.

The six-story wholesale building of Paxton & Gallagher, grocery jobbers, Ninth and Jackson streets, Omaha, collapsed just before 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. The loss will be \$40,000. An immense steel tank holding forty tons of water had been recently constructed on top of the roof, and the weight of the tank is believed to have caused the collapse. Nearly 100 men employed in the building would have been at work ten minutes later and probably many of them would have lost their lives. So far as known no person was in the building when it went down, but a large force of workmen is now going through the mass of debris to learn if any bodies are in it.

When the building collapsed the big tank fell six stories and burst and this probably saved the wreckage from igniting, as there were lighted gas jets on each floor. Paxton & Gallagher have in course of construction a new building, which was to have been occupied in a short time. Work will be hastened and the move made at once.

## HAMLIN ASKS FOR NEW TRIAL.

Motion to Be Argued When Court Reconvenes at End of Month.

Attorney W. H. Thompson, leading counsel for John Hamlin who was convicted of murder in the first degree on Tuesday at Grand Island, with the penalty of death, has filed a motion for a new trial, alleging irregularity in the argument of the state, errors in the trial and the instructions by the court and the usual exceptions and bases for argument.

Court will convene again May 23 for the closing up of the work of the session and the motion will then be argued.

## After Alleged Grafters.

It is understood the grand jury is going after those persons who file complaints against the granting of a liquor license and then withdraw the same upon the payment of a certain sum of money by the applicant. It is rumored that if this matter is gone into very deeply a prominent anti-saloon worker or two of Lincoln will be involved, as well as a few attorneys.

## School Meeting at Stromsburg.

A highly interesting and significant meeting of teachers and patrons of the public schools of Stromsburg was held in the local high school rooms, under the direction of County Superintendent Wilhelm Rydberg. The special subject of discussion was "The Greatest Need of the Schools" and the program speakers were patrons exclusively.

## Coats of Missing Boys Found.

The coats of Frank Dewey and Roscoe Wortman, who disappeared from Ashland on the 28th of last December, have been found under a culvert of the Burlington track near the point where Salt creek empties into the Platte river. These two young men went skating on Pawnee creek on that date and disappeared.

## Beatrice Commercial Affairs.

The directors of the Beatrice Commercial club met recently and discussed the recent advance in insurance rates, after which the secretary was instructed to make investigation as to the cause and the prospect of obtaining relief. The club fixed May 20 as the date for holding its annual meeting.

## Shaw Files an Appeal.

Thomas Shaw, who was selected city engineer of Omaha by the city council, after the same council had accepted the bond of Andrew Rosewater, a holdover appointee, has appealed to the supreme court from the decision of the lower court, which held that Mr. Shaw could not take possession of the office.

## Large Class Confirmed.

One of the largest classes ever presented by the parish was confirmed at St. James' Catholic church of Kearney, when the sacrament of confirmation was administered by Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, D.D., bishop of Omaha, to a class of 92 candidates.

## Miller's Alleged Assailant Caught.

William Britton, who, with his brother, Roy, is accused of severely assaulting L. N. Miller, the Wymore hotel man, where a month ago, was captured near Beatrice by Sheriff Crude. He was working on a farm under the name of William Lee.

## Workman Killed in Ditch.

Scott Miner, aged 37 years, who has been employed on the tiling machine putting in drainage ditches north of Tecumseh, was killed by being buried in one of the trenches.



While Gov. Sheldon is bearing up well there is no doubt the anxiety of so many people to be oil inspector, weighing just a little on his mind, otherwise he would not have had such a pat dream the other night, which he believes is the best solution he will ever get of the matter. The governor dreamed that he had each of the candidates select a representative to call upon him. Then the names of all the candidates were written on a long sheet of paper. Each representative was told to scratch a name. The last name scratched was to be the oil inspector, as he would be the least objectionable to the entire bunch. The governor did as the governor suggested and just as the last name was scratched someone took the sheet and the governor woke up without seeing the name, so the matter is still up in the air. The dream was bona fide.

The executive committee of the Lincoln Commercial club authorized the filing of complaint with the interstate commerce commission against six Nebraska railroads, charging discrimination in freight rates against the city of Lincoln. Attorneys were employed to draw up the brief. The complaint is against the Rock Island, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Burlington, Santa Fe, Missouri, Kansas and Texas and subsidiary lines. The complaint is based upon the allegation that the rates from the south on lumber, cement, glass, salt, coal, brick, rice, sugar, egg case fillers and other commodities are higher to Lincoln than the rates on the same commodities to Omaha, over the same roads, though the distance to the latter city is from two to seventy-five miles farther.

Senator Burkett has been appointed a member of the program committee of the public lands convention to be held in Denver June 18, 19 and 20. This convention was called by the governor of Colorado, acting upon authority given him by the Colorado legislature, and it will be made up of delegates selected by the various governors and commercial clubs in the states west of the Missouri river. The convention will recommend laws to congress dealing with the public lands of the west, the object being to see that these lands, which have been settled, but upon which the deeds have not been passed, pay their proportionate share of the burdens of taxation for county and state purposes.

Ed Lawrence, bond clerk in the office of Auditor Searle, who was marked some time ago by Father Time, but who took the bit in his teeth, jerked the scythe away from the old man and cut his way back to health and happiness, returned to work after an absence of several months, feeling as strong and healthy as a new spring onion. During his illness Mr. Lawrence experimented in the use of various hair tonics, with the result that the heretofore billiard ball appearance of his pate, has been wonderfully changed, nine little curly fellows having broken through the crust.

A fountain with a basin will be constructed in the postoffice square at Lincoln, according to the plans made by the inspector sent out by the government some time ago. This will end a hard fight by Senator Burkett to his satisfaction and to the satisfaction of those who counseled with him. The department turned down the plans and recommendations of the inspector but Senator Burkett got busy and was notified that the plans had been adopted.

A motor car in charge of Peter Jensen ran into a state farm car at Nineteenth and O, and, besides the motor man, Mrs. J. J. Curry and a man named Robinson were severely injured. Jensen was badly cut by broken glass and was taken to the sanitarium on the state farm car. The state farm car had been stopped and the cemetery car smashed into it. The front end of the latter was smashed. None of the passengers of the farm car was injured.

President Roosevelt has acted favorably on Senator Burkett's recommendation of Will Owen Jones, editor of the State Journal, for a position as examiner to the naval academy and the commission is doubtless now on the road to Lincoln. The compensation to be received will be sufficient to allow him to take his family with him when he goes to Annapolis and enjoy a nice vacation once or twice a year and still have a bank account left.

University Place, a suburb of Lincoln, is to have free mail delivery and the service will be operated from the Lincoln postoffice just as soon as the postoffice there can be discontinued and a substitution opened. The residents of the little village made application to Senator Burkett some time ago for this free delivery and the senator received information that his request had been granted.

Insurance Deputy Pierce has notified insurance agents not to solicit any business for the Head-Schuch company, of Minneapolis, insurers of threshing machines, because that company has no right to do business in this state. The penalty for soliciting insurance for a company which has no license to operate in Nebraska, is a fine of from \$50 to \$100.

Regent Allen, of the state university, on behalf of John J. Ledwith, brought mandamus proceedings against the state auditor to compel him to issue warrants against the 1-mill levy fund belonging to the university. Mr. Ledwith has a claim of \$25 against the school and the suit is a friendly affair to test the ruling of the auditor that no warrants will be issued until the money from the 1-mill levy is actually in the treasury. Mr. Allen holds this ruling nullifies the law providing for the registration of state warrants.